

LAST MINUTE AGENDA INFORMATION

06/05/13 Regular Meeting

(Agenda Related Writings/Documents provided to a majority of the City Council after distribution of the Agenda Packet for the June 5, 2013 Regular meeting.)

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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6.2	MANAGEMENT OF SPORTS PARK. (0920-40) <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. E-mail message from Candy Under, dated May 31, 2013b. E-mail message from Gwendolyn Albert, dated May 31, 2013c. E-mail message from Erika Lowery, dated June 1, 2013
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Jacque Hald

From: on behalf of ibccclerk
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 8:31 AM
To: Jacque Hald
Subject: FW: Removal of agenda attachments in item 6.2

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CITY MANAGER &
CITY CLERK OFFICES

From: candy
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 11:22 AM
To: ibccclerk
Cc: ibcmanager
Subject: Removal of agenda attachments in item 6.2

Mrs. Hald,

Will you please remove the agenda attachments claiming to have been received by me via email in item 6.2 of the current agenda. Those documents were obtained by councilwoman Bragg and then handed over to Staff. I have proof that they were never submitted by me as attachments to my email as stated in the current agenda dated June 5th, 2013 Item 6.2. I have reason to believe that my personal copies of those documents were obtained with the intent to cause harm to my credibility and to stifle the progress of our group in our effort to provide the City council with alternative solutions to turning over the Sports Park to the YMCA. The agenda is incorrect in stating the documents were submitted by me, and I would like them removed. Those documents were my personal copies and not to be considered the "proposal" from the community group. In fact, the words "rough draft" are handwritten across the top of the document and was solely prepared by me and not to be considered a submission by the group. I would also like to state that other than the email addressed to all council members and the City Manager, those documents were never provided to a majority of the council, therefore they may not be included in the agenda without my permission.

I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Thank you,

Candy Unger



Jacque Hald

From: Gwendolyn Albert
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2013 2:39 PM
To: jim.janney@cox.net; loriebraggib@aol.com; patton4ib@yahoo.com; pbilbray@gmail.com; ejspriggs@yahoo.com; Jacque Hald; Gary Brown; Greg Wade; greg.cox@sdcounty.ca.gov
Cc: editor@eaglenewscs.com
Subject: input for 5 June meeting on Sports Park management issue

Dear Mayor Janney and Imperial Beach City Council:

Please consider this message as part of the public input to the agenda for the June 5, 2013 City Council meeting.

I strongly request that you vote against the City Manager's proposal listed as Item 6.2 of the June 5, 2013 agenda. I am opposed to transferring management of the Imperial Beach Sports Park to the South Bay YMCA.

Private management of this public facility will deprive the public of involvement and say in its management. It will also hurt local businesses that will be forced to "compete" with the YMCA. Most importantly, it will be cost prohibitive for residents.

Imperial Beach Little League and ASA are two volunteer-based organizations that already contribute significantly to the costs of their use of this public facility. Private management of the Imperial Beach Sports Park will be detrimental to the well-being of these two organizations by imposing additional costs on them.

This is above all a political issue about control over a public park and the guarantee of free and open access to it, including to the skate park. South Bay YMCA would restrict access to the skate facility in ways that were not originally envisioned when the park was opened. I support the skaters of Imperial Beach and the vision of the generous donor who helped build the skate park, and I believe management of this facility must remain under public control and access to it must be free of charge.

Do not force this management privatization on the citizens of Imperial Beach. The city's population is 25 % minors without disposable incomes and they deserve public facilities.

Instead of accepting the City Manager's proposal, I urge you to adopt a resolution stating that management of the park will remain public as long as the property itself is publicly owned. I also urge you to make safeguarding resources for the management of this park a top priority.

There are many citizens here with considerable energy and talents who could become even more involved in developing the Sports Park if the city would facilitate their involvement. Many people would be willing to volunteer their energy, ideas and time, but the political commitment of the city government to a publicly managed facility must be unshakeable. No one, not individuals and not other donors or foundations, will want to work to improve a public facility where the management is not under public control.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Albert
Imperial Beach resident

Jacque Hald

From: Erika Lowery
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2013 11:46 PM
To: jim.janney@cox.net; loriebraggib@aol.com; Robert Patton; Pat Bilbray; ejspriggs@yahoo.com; Jacque Hald; Gary Brown; Greg Wade
Subject: June 5, 2013 City Council Meeting Agenda Item 6.2

Honorable Mayor and Council;

I wish this, in its entirety, to be included as part of the agenda for the June 5, 2013 City Council meeting for item 6.2. I am including a link, of a presentation that I created and wanted to show you regarding our Sports Park. I would like that and the speakers notes included in the agenda.

Wednesday, you have a choice: openness or hiding behind closed doors, allowing the people of Imperial Beach have a voice or "educating" the citizens on what will happen. I would suggest that opening up dialog to the city residents would benefit all. Give our leaders, because our city is full of them, a say and a means to help.

I will begin by saying that this has crossed all lines in our city - educational, age, demographics, political - our city is overwhelming behind our Sports Park. Speaking to the public I have had no negative feedback from anyone I have talked to. It has all been in support of local control, not YMCA control.

Much of my presentation will go over points why I feel so strong about this issue, but for most families - mine included - it comes down to finances. We pay for our park through our taxes, we should have access to it without any "membership" fees. I go over what we can receive in a neighboring town for just the cost of the "annual membership," before any activity costs. For our family, just the kids, as shown in the March 20, 2013 agenda, would be nearly \$400. There is much we can do for that, from groceries to fun outings as a family. I cover it in the presentation, but I think it needs restating.

I want you to know why this is such an issue of mine, on a personal note: when I ran for office, I was asked by one of my neighbors (I consider all Imperial Beach residents neighbors) what I would do first if elected to office. Without a hiccup, I told him that I would support local control of our Sports Park and not YMCA control. Even though I didn't win, I am not going to give up my campaign promise to this neighbor. That is accountability and honesty. I would rather do what I say than win an election, if it came down to it. It is what makes a person a statesman, not just a politician.

City leaders, it is time to lead. Lead by transparency. Lead by showing our city that you listen, hear, and respond to their wants and needs. Each family has their own financial hardships they are facing. Item 6.2 would only give another hardship to keeping their families active. Please vote against 6.2 and support an alternate, local option.

Please follow the link for the presentation in its entirety.

Presentation for City Council -

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1904HtohNSY6iHC_pPftYvAPzk53M9IIR-xe8RoeIIMI/edit?usp=sharing

Thank You,
Erika G. Lowery

Date: 6/5/13 Item No. 6.2
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*Erika Lowery,
Mom & Concerned Citizen*

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I am going to rephrase a snaky phrase I used to say as a teen, "Welcome to Imperial Beach. Now Go Home."

Some things you should know about IB: We talk to our neighbors, we stand up for what is ours, we take pride in our little-ness, we work hard and play hard, we aren't rich, we have a lot of single parents and out of work families, and we support our kids and their programs. We volunteer in dusty dugouts at the crack of dawn on a foggy morning. We pick up trash on the way to our parks so our kids don't have bad influence. We love our kids. We enjoy our beaches. We are proud of our estuary. We LOVE OUR SPORTS PARK.

I promise no signing, not even a poem today. I am leaving that to the ball field and trying to get 3 and 4 year olds to hit the ball and run to first.

Today I will come to you with some simple facts; facts that the city may not want you to hear. I am not going to blame previous or current administrations. I am not going to blame the state or RDA.

That is in the past. We are here to discuss what is best for our kids and Imperial Beach's FUTURE.

Per the City of Imperial Beach Annual Costs of "Over \$200,000"

- Expenditure of \$1.7 million since 2000
- Additionally \$160,000 to be expended in June
- Flooring expenditure estimated of \$54,000
- Roofing expenditure estimated of \$80,000

Total since 2000 - Just under \$4.6 Million

Not included in this -

- Maintenance to Imperial Beach Little League fields C-F
- Maintenance to Imperial Beach ASA fields A & B
- The additional upgrade made to the median of the parking lot via Eagle Project
- AND tree removal of \$2800

**This is what we are handing
over to the Y.**

I do need to give a bit of "history" of the Sports Park. These are the financial numbers that we, as a city, have put in. This is nowhere near the value of the park - it doesn't show the time, sweat, volunteer hours that have been put in year after year to make this park what it is today.

Imperial Beach numbers based from the Agenda for the City Council Meeting Dated March 20, 2013 and the budget discussion from the meeting on March 6, 2013

Losses

- Cabanas that are used for parties and social gatherings
- Skate part that the citizens fought to build and feel pride and entitlement to
- A public playground that is a social gathering for children and mom groups
- A safe place for families to gather
- A safe place for kids who would otherwise have an empty home to go to

This is just a few point to give you some idea of what we are losing.



Costs

- Loss of a park for young kids (preschool through school age)
- Loss of a skate park that keeps the kids off the street, in the right of way of vehicles, endangering them
- Loss of organizations that are geared to supporting our government, it's laws; and promotes teamwork and doing their best

It has been said that we who protest the Y, are not doing what is best for the kids. So what are the costs to the kids...

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- Loss of challenge/special needs programs- included with Little League (Autism and Downs)
- Loss of a services geared to their needs, wants, and stimulations
- Missing out on "opportunities for socialization, character development, exercise and fun" ~ National Alliance for Youth Sports

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A study conducted by Eccles and Barber in 1999 showed participation in extracurricular activities, including sports, predicted higher than expected GPAs (amongst high school students) and sport uniquely predicted increases in school attachment.

Also a study by Cooper, Valentine, Nye and Lindsay in 1999 showed that structured extracurricular activities were the only ones that correlated with all the positive academic outcomes.

McHale, Crouter and Tucker found (2001)
structured activities, such as sports and hobbies are
beneficial and **specifically participation in sports
at age 10 is connected to higher grades and lower
incidences of depression.**





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Median Household Income - Under \$50,000
63% of Households are under \$60,000 in annual income

24.4% of our population is under the age of 18
Whereas only 11% is over the age of 65

50% of our city is Hispanic
Approximately 1/3 of those are under 18

We have approximately 14% unemployment currently.

NOT included in this study is the many military dependants that may have an adult overseas. This is similar to a part-time single parent role.

Courtesy of Sandag dated February 26, 2013

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First there is no comparison for Imperial Beach.
We are strong minded, civic oriented, quirky, environmentally
focused. We love our small community feel.

Financially speaking Imperial Beach is NOT Eastlake. We do not
have the same demographics as your current locations in
Eastlake.

Even our own city staff had to concede that fact when they tried
to compare Eastlake Little League to Imperial Beach. There was
a 300-400% difference between the costs associated with the two
communities.

With such an emphasis on childhood obesity, there are multiple ways to support childhood programs.

Let's start:

<http://www.letsmove.gov/become-lets-move-city-or-town>

"Offer physically active intramural sports for students of all skill levels and make sure that it is **free and affordable for all children.**"

Goal V:

To increase physical activity, local elected officials commit to mapping local playspaces, completing a needs assessment, developing an action plan, and launching a minimum of three proven policies, programs or initiatives aimed at increasing access to play.



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I am going to compare a couple of programs

City of Coronado (Park & Rec)

Membership Fee: \$0
Programs: \$0-486 (competition tennis)
Average Program fee: \$30-45

Highest cost programs are competitive level - swimming and tennis.

Monthly Pass (pool, gym, climbing wall, skatepark): \$165 - non-resident

Other programs include:

- Little League/Tball
- Girls Fastpitch Softball
- Pop Warner football/cheer
- Youth Soccer

YMCA proposed:

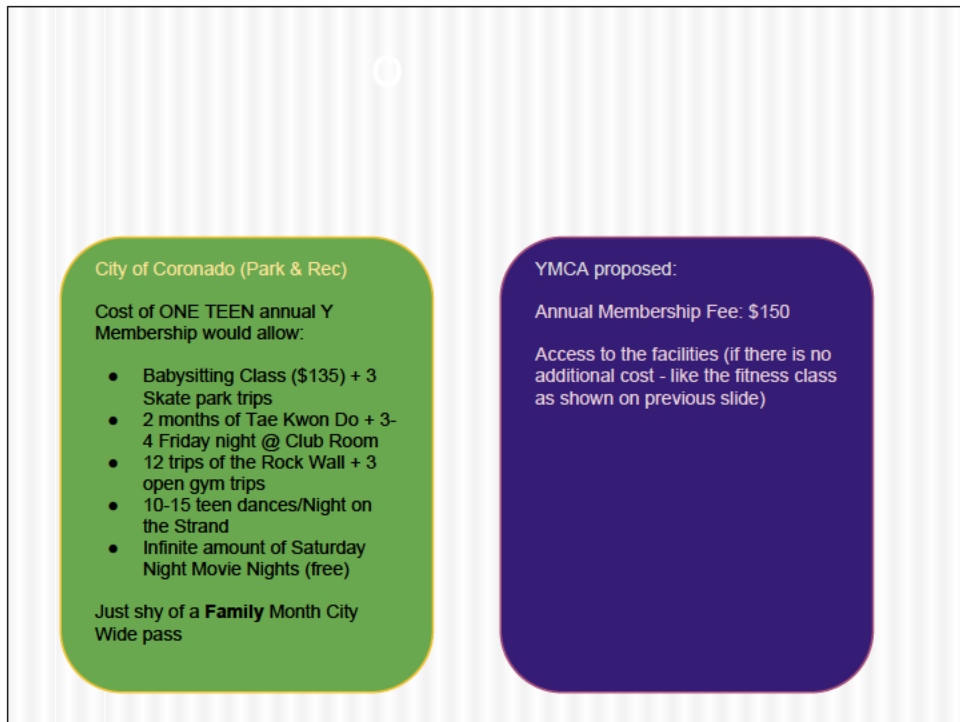
Annual Membership Fee: \$150 annually per teen (12+)

Programs: \$43-65 for residents

Fitness classes \$3/class

These numbers are from the Coronado Park and Recreation Brochure Spring 2013 and Imperial Beach city council agenda from March 20 2013

Annual Membership fee is an "in the door fee" the fee that is to be paid annually before kids can do ANYTHING at the Y



Who has an extra \$150 to throw out the window - hands?

I could find a great deal of things that \$150 could go to rather than the walk in the door fee.

- Membership to the Fleet museum for a family is only \$84 *website
- Family Membership at the New Children's Museum is \$80 *website
- A membership to the San Diego Air and Space Museum for a 12-17 year old is only \$22-35 *website
- San Diego Model Railroad Museum Membership for a family is only \$35 *website
- San Diego Natural History Museum Family membership is \$70 *website

Each of these offer something with their initial payment.

Personally I would enjoy a day out with my family: lunch and a museum MEMBERSHIP and still save money over the Y.



Just look at our Girls Championships! Something to be proud of!

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Loss of business to local companies = reduction in income for the city (tax revenue)

- IB Fitness
- IB Yoga
- Fitness World
- Nohemi's Studio (Zumba class)
- Pan Am Tae Kwon Do
- Gracie Brazilian Jiu Jitsu - just opened on Palm Avenue

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Tom Clark: I am convinced that every boy, in his heart, would rather steal second base than an automobile.

Mike Singletary: Do you know what my favorite part of the game is? The opportunity to play.

Ara Parashegian: A good coach will make his players see what they can be rather than what they are.

Magic Johnson: Ask not what your teammates can do for you. Ask what you can do for your teammates.

Jeff Janssen: Success in sports and business have a great deal in common. Both require a tremendous amount of commitment, motivation, confidence, focus, and teamwork to achieve at the highest levels.

Does the quote from Magic sound familiar? It applies on a field or court and continues into all aspects of civil service.

The quote from Jeff Janssen defines why we are fighting. We are fighting to teach our children skills that will carry on into school and business and make them successful all around.

The purpose of any athletic endeavor is to challenge the human limits both on and off the playing field.

~Unknown

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"I didn't just start with ...local city officials because I knew that they would understand the problem. **I started with them because I knew that our cities, towns and counties would be a key part of the solution to this issue.** ...there is no one-size-fits all policy or program that can solve this problem. And Washington certainly does not have all the answers. Instead, many of the best, most innovative, most effective solutions start in our city halls and our towns and our county councils."

– Michelle Obama on childhood obesity

Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties announcement,
7/18/12

"It's not about government telling people what to do. ... It's about each of us, in our own families, in our own communities, standing up and demanding more for our kids. And it's about companies like Walmart answering that call." –Announcement of Walmart's Nutrition Charter, 1/20/2011

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